# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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# REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1951.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R. J. Little), Perth,
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#### POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1951 was estimated to be 581,486, comprising 299,093 Males and 282,393 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950 was 309,000.

# MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	OCTO	BER.	10 Months OCTOBE	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages - Number. *Rate per 1000 of Population.	498 10.01	493 10.24	4,500 9.32	4 <b>,</b> 495 9.70
Births - Number. *Rate per 1000 of Population.	1,426 28.65	1,285 26.69	12,612 26.11	11,772 25.40
Deaths - Number. *Rate per 1000 of Population.	500	465 9.66	4,519 9.36	4,216 9.10
Infant Mortality - Number.  Rate per 1000 Live Births.	37 25.95	35 27.24	371 29.42	316 26.84
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis Cancer. Influenza. Diphtheria. Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis. Diseases of the Heart. Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia. Diarrhoea and Enteritis. Nephritis. Diseases of Early Infancy. Senility. Accidents. All Other Causes.	5 52 3 - 63 15 183 17 4 8 27 2 31 90	8 50 7 1 64 13 129 22 2 11 20 1 32 105	68 581 21 11 496 175 1,477 176 57 72 233 27 324 801	113 555 25 7 444 121 1,277 154 42 84 191 36 334 833
Total.	500	465	4,519	4,216

<sup>\*</sup> Equivalent Annual Rate.

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#### LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November totalled 1,094,896 acres, an increase of 81,420 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,759,654 acres, an increase of 375,260.

# STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of	NOVEMBER.	5 Months ended NOVEMBER.		
	1951	1950	1951	1950	
Revenue. Revenue per Head of Population. Expenditure. Expenditure per Head of Population.		£. 2,258,293 £3. 19. 4 2,303,653 £4. 0. 11	£. 13,364,024 £22. 16.11 13,664,093 £23. 7. 2	£. 10,058,414 £17. 16. 5 10,703,738 £18. 19. 3	

#### SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th November amounted to £46,210,027 or £78. 9. ld. per head of population as against £39,936,283 or £69.18.11d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

#### BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th November, 1951 amounted to £10,821,305 compared with £11,103,460 for the corresponding period last year.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		NOVE	MBER.	5 Months ended NOVEMBER.			
		1951	1950	1951	1950		
Transfers. Mortgages.	No. £. No. £.	1,858 2,416,006 1,333 1,827,970	2,128 2,104,502 1,458 1,597,935	10,484 13,944,731 7,014 9,981,717	10,513 10,628,590 7,535 9,297,021		
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	1,046	898	4,888	4,865		

# SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

	Taxable	Taxable Goods.				
Period of Receipt of Returns.	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).  Sales in respect of which Tax NOT Payable. (Gross).		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.		
Five Months ended	$\mathcal{L}_{ullet}$	£.	£.	£.		
November, 1950. Five Months ended	11,905,673	8,247,113	21,174,144	1,134,177		
November, 1951. Month of November -	15,656,250	12,181,829	34,946,331	1,976,042		
1950. Month of November -	2,530,116	1,692,015	5,086,985	251,430		
1951.	3,138,422	2,651,014	6,612,578	549,329		

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#### COMPANIES REGISTERED.

39 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,991,500, and 34 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 55 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,482,000, and 20 Foreign Companies.

# BANKRUPTCY.

		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.					
		1951		1950			
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	
Sequestration Orders. Deeds of Assignment.(a) Deeds of Arrangement.	10 4 1	£. 23,216 5,935 1,978	£. 31,595 3,813 1,015	13 9	£. 32,559 22,718	£. 9,143 26,487	

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

#### TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	OCTO	DBER.	4 Months ended	d OCTOBER.
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	850,400	580,250	3,216,600	2,268,000
Working Expenses.(a) £.	907,643	647,209	3,433,014	2,643,213
Train Miles Run. No.	627,537	610,000	2,424,529	2,430,611
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b) 152,981	(ъ) 136,527	(c) 598,157	(c) 517,270
Passenger Journeys -				
Train. No. Motor Bus. No.		944,552 43,849	3,882,261 195,927	3,745,302 167,541
Tonnage Carried -	• •	• •	• •	••
Paying Goods. Livestock.	259,101 16,716	228,205 18,884	1,054,617 44,370	960,075 53,165
Departmental. (Free Freight).	65,040	62,599	259,505	259,958
Total.	340,857	309,688	1,358,492	1,273,198
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods. Livestock.	38,959,619 2,106,718	36,226,224 2,303,059	160,125,148 5,679,307	151,177,625 7,150,369
Departmental. (Free Freight).	8,414,126	8,101,651	31,419,765	32,739,928
Total.	49,480,463	46,631,134	197,224,220	191,067,922

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
- (b) Four weeks ended 20th October.
- (c) Period ended 20th October.
- \* Figures liable to revision.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

# (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

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# (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).\*

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ate (as at end f Month).	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Busès.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 - June. December 1949 -	21,968 23,389	10,1 <i>3</i> 2 11,081	275 <b>33</b> 5	5,445 6,063	35,485 37,820	34,362 36,453	457 572	8,874 9,622
June December	24,259 26,245	11,330 11,989	364 402	6,729 7,286	39,989 43,981	37,680 40,412	648 781	10,972
June. December	28,529 31,223	12,530 13,490	443 494	7,707 8,230	48,485 <b>5</b> 2,185	41,688 42,792	826 903	12,890 13,030
1951 - January. January. Jarch. April. May. June. July. August. September	31,463 31,656 31,900 32,113 32,301 32,966 33,891 34,204 34,482 34,886	13,645 13,783 13,932 14,041 14,154 14,461 14,896 15,053 15,188 15,355	497 498 496 498 498 499 505 505	8,341 8,437 8,550 8,670 8,757 8,876 9,097 9,175 9,300 9,485	51,830 52,904 53,460 54,422 55,126 56,109 55,406 56,630 57,196	41,257 42,942 43,496 44,571 45,386 46,150 45,293 45,703 46,108 46,432	898 917 917 934 944 950 922 940 939	12,853 13,256 13,500 13,970 14,260 14,521 13,761 13,906 14,140 14,539

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for October, 1951: 125 Cars; 820 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 15 Motor Cycles.

# TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, October 1951 and 1950, and four months ended October 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

		IMPO	RTS.	EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).				
	OCTOBER.		BER. 4 Months ended OCTOBER.		OCTO	BER.	4 Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea. Interstate.	£A,000 4,283 4,457	£A,000 3,160 4,127	£A,000 20,351 20,846	£A,000 13,223 15,730	£A,000 7,689 925	£A,000 11,653 444	£A,000 25,960 3,857	£A,000 23,255 2,440
Total.	8,740	7,287	41,197	28,953	8,614	12,097	29,817	25,695

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#### BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

# (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

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Period.	Owner- Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)		Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950	55 165 514 825 1,313	32 109 346 693 1,365	1,316 2,245 2,544 2,485 3,331	1,221 2,380 3,041 3,476 4,727	52 37 49 57 41	82 64 160 215 263	145 164 268 317 428	192 327 431 657 651	1,568 2,611 3,375 3,684 5,113	1,527 2,880 3,978 5,041 7,006
1951 - March Qr. June Qr. Sept. Qr.	442 425 422	583 571 612	780 1,002 1,099	1,255 1,629 1,790	8 5 15	26 20 295	82 143 93	189 301 243	1,312 1,575 1,629	2,053 2,521 2,940

<sup>(</sup>a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

# (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Out									lls.
Period.	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		or Ma	-Cement ainly -Cement.	Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950	578 1,114 1,252 1,449 1,709	£,000 640 1,365 1,715 2,235 2,882	186 257 326 228 337	£,000 140 196 249 191 311	373 966 1,436 1,571 2,262	£,000 296 862 1,348 1,649 2,572	227 62 29 42 55	£,000 172 47 22 43 48	1,364 2,399 3,043 3,290 4,363	£,000 1,248 2,470 3,334 4,118 5,813
March Qr. June Qr. Sept. Qr.	447 507 504	877 1,027 1,071	9 <b>3</b> 106 116	88 110 120	613 678 722	803 923 1,080	21 65 <b>3</b> 8	22 63 44	1,174 1,356 1,380	1,790 2,123 2,315

#### BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,399,663 lbs. were produced during October, 1951, and 7,859,746 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1951, as against 2,358,175 lbs. and 7,589,317 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1950.

#### GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEN	ÆR.	ll Months ended NOVEMBER.			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
Quantity Fine Ozs. Value (Aust. Currency). £.		58 <b>,943</b> 913 <b>,</b> 122	577,940 8,953,251	563,519 8,741,040		

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1951 amounted to £651,762. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £925,775.

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# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Foo	rcceries	о-насторция высочания, объекторые отверходы того.	All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).				
Town.	SEPTEMBER		12 Months		SEPTEMBER		12 Months	
	QUARTER.		ended SEPTEMBER.		QUARTER.		ended SEPTEMBER	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area. Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Northam. Bunbury. Geraldton. Collie.	2019	1608	1856	1542	1911	1547	1764	1501
	2158	1737	1992	1673	1995	1652	1847	1596
	2051	1623	1878	1561	1915	1561	1776	1514
	2051	1630	1880	1549	1923	1573	1775	1519
	2093	1650	1913	1582	2002	1623	1855	1570
	2050	1618	1880	1552	1829	1487	1693	1439

# ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Man th		1950			1951	
Month.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January. February. March. April. May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December.	117,756 118,064 119,009 119,440 120,616 120,479 120,412 121,263 121,691 121,871 122,889 123,146	38,819 39,050 39,708 39,726 39,755 39,952 39,753 40,015 40,367 40,343 40,583 41,199	156,575 157,114 158,717 159,166 160,371 160,431 160,165 161,278 162,058 162,214 163,472 164,345	123,741 124,946 125,210 124,785 124,715 125,284 125,649 125,475 125,366 125,843	40,324 41,182 41,480 41,729 41,642 41,564 41,445 41,445 41,405	164,065 166,128 166,690 166,514 166,357 166,848 167,094 167,077 166,840

### EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

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	(	Base: 1	ACTORIES. 928/29 (1 7ees = 10			RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1947	1948	1949	1950 (a)	1951 (a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January. February. March. April. May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December.	162 164 166 167 168 167 167 167 168 168 169	171 172 176 176 177 177 177 179 180 180 182	179 182 186 187 187 182 189 190 191 192	194 197 200 200 203 202 202 202 203 204 205 204	206 209 209 210 211 211 211 208 210	1134 1138 1145 1144 1151 1153 1168 1181 1172 1184 1215 1267	1233 1249 1264 1264 1277 1277 1301 1294 1302 1318 1349 1385	1354 1358 1371 1377 1354 1362 1381 1377 1365 1375 1402 1470	1410 1387 1415 1415 1418 1429 1423 1419 1428 1431 1450 1531	1490 1495 1513 1508 1500 1517 1517 1510 1518 1522

- (a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.
- (b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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# STATE BASIC WAGE.

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Date of Operation.*	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division.				Goldfields and Rest of State.			-								
25 COS. or 190 April Activation of the State	Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		1						
	£.	s.	d.	£.	S.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	S.	d.	£.	S:	d.	£.	s.	d.	-
22nd October, 1951.	10.	5.	8	6.	13.	8	10.	4.	7	6.	13.	0	10.	10.	11	6.	17.	1	NOTE AND ADDRESS.

<sup>\*</sup> The Female basic wage was declared as operating from the 1st December, 1951.

# ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	NOVEN	BER.	5 Months ended NOVEMBER.		
	1951	1950	1951	1950	
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	26,058	22,805	133,387	109,653	
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	22,746	20,944	116,658	100,488	

# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
November, 1951. November, 1950. 11 Months ended November, 1951. 11 Months ended November, 1950.	5,953	514	128,089	12,203
	5,423	466	145,045	9,904
	102,775	4,041	660,502	104,003
	103,987	4,681	749,150	88,049

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